

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 2, 2003.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Camp)
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
3. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Friendt)
4. Mayor's Hometown Security Study Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda)
5. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Memo from Corrie Kielty - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments. (See Attachment)

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. State Farm Insurance - cordially invites you to attend a retirement reception honoring Vice President Operations Barbara Tolliver-Haskins on Thursday, June 12, 2003 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Short Program at 2:30 p.m.) at the State Farm Operations Center - North Auditorium, 222 South 84th Street - Please RSVP to Bev Martin at 327-5206 by June 6th. (See Invitation)
2. Community Health Endowment of Lincoln - Annual Meeting with the Community on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at the Cornhusker Hotel, Lancaster Room - at 3:00 p.m. - RSVP by calling 436-5516. (See Invitation)

3. CLC Leadership Council Invited to Luncheon - On Friday, June 13, 2003 Phil Schoo will accept the Neighborhoods, Inc. Leadership Award for Public Contribution on behalf of the Lincoln's Community Learning Centers Initiative - You are invited to attend the awards luncheon at the Cornhusker at 11:45 a.m. - If you wish to attend please call 477-7181 by June 1st. (See E-Mail)
4. You are cordially invited to the Groundbreaking of First National Bank at SouthPointe Pavillions, 6600 South 28th Street on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. (See Invitation)
5. The Lincoln Family Practice Program of the Lincoln Medical Education Foundation cordially invites you to celebrate with the graduates as they complete their Family Practice Residency - on Thursday, June 26, 2003 – 6:30 p.m., Social Time (Cash Bar) – 7:00 p.m., Dinner - 8:00 p.m., Program - Reception following program – At The Cornhusker Hotel in the Grand Ballroom - RSVP by June 16th - Please fill out enclosed RSVP card (with menu choice & # of guests) and mail out - (Mail RSVP, call 483-4591 or fax 483-5079). (See Invitation)
6. On behalf of the Community Health Partners Foundation we'd like to invite you to help us celebrate the wrap-up of our Healthy People 2010 Action Step Development Project and to help us Kick-Off our Initiatives Implementation at this complimentary celebration luncheon - on Monday, June 23, 2003 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at University of Nebraska-East Campus Union, Great Plains Room - (Complimentary Luncheon & Parking Provided) - To register, return the enclosed card or call directly at 441-8144 by June 13th. (See Letter of Invitation)
7. Grease Sing-Along on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at Howell Theatre - Special Guest Randall Kleiser, Director of the movie "Grease" - \$50.00 per person - Dinner compliments of Runza - A Benefit for the Nebraska Repertory Theatre - RSVP by June 16th - (See Invitation)
8. WOODS BROS REALTY - Please join us Mary Bills-Strand, Manager, Mary Kuhlmann, Assistant Manager and Gene Brake, CEO in celebrating our Grand Opening of Woods Bros. Realty Superior Street Office, 2550 Superior Street, #150 - on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – (See Invitation)
9. Invitation from JJ Kat, Inc. dba Brewsky's Food & Spirits, - May We Buy You Dinner? – You're invited to "Friends And Family" Night At The New Brewsky's Haymarket - 201 N. 8th Street on Saturday, June 7, 2003 - We have arranged staggered seating, so please arrive between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Good For Dinner For Two(2) - Cash Bar. (See Invitation)

10. You are invited to attend a design workshop on Lincoln's Downtown Entertainment Center. At this workshop, you will have the opportunity to see the plans that are being developed for the Entertainment Center and give your comments on these plans. You are invited to attend either of two workshops. They will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2003 - Both workshops will be held at Energy Square, 1st Floor, Southeast Community College Board Room - (A sign with the room location will be posted inside the 12th & "O" Street entrance to Energy Square) - Order a lunch for \$5.00 - RSVP to Kristi at 441-8206 by June 10th and they will order one for you, lunch)(See Letter of Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion continued on 'Interns and Informal Gatherings'. (Carried over from the June 2nd "Noon" Agenda)(See Attachment)
2. Discussion on Computer & Laptop Upgrade for Council Office with Doug Thomas.
3. Discussion on the Council Budget. (See Attachments)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman, Ken Svoboda,; **ABSENT:** Glenn Friendt

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Corri Kielty, Mayor's Office; Don Herz, Finance Director; Steve Hubka, Budget Officer; Doug Thomas, I.S. Director; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 2, 2003.

Chair Jon Camp requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Annette McRoy and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of the Council members present.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

1. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS' MEETING (Camp) Mr. Camp reported that LPED was moving along. He commented that there had been an article in the paper about the person [Tim Thietje] who has been hired to work with Jim Fram in a new Special Assistant position. It may be financed under LPED or the Chamber of Commerce, or both. Tim used to be with the University Foundation and had also worked at the University and went to Law School here. He's also been active in DLA.

Jim Fram is in Japan right now, with the governor on a trade mission. Mr. Camp felt the meeting had been very efficient. That's about the gist of it as we go forward with the Angelou Report. They're soliciting names of people who would be interested in participating in the process.

2. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that they had discussed a number of things. There will be a Northwest Dog Run out by Oak Lake. Ms. McRoy noted that they wanted one up in the Northeast District, too. Mr. Cook indicated that someone, Bob Coddington, had come forward with that request, but he seemed satisfied that since we were adding one in the Northwest that there were efforts being made to expand the options.

The question was posed as to whether or not the "pooper scooper" law applied. Mr. Cook did not know. Mr. Roper indicated that the law would apply, though he wasn't sure what the practical effect of that might be. [Laughter]

Mr. Cook continued his report, noting that the Neighborhood Parks Improvement Policy and an Endowment Policy had been discussed at the Board Meeting. Both of these policies are very similar. We wanted to be sure that if people wanted to donate for park improvements that they also provide an endowment to maintain those improvements. We talked about having them also donate an amount that would allow for replacement of improvements at the end of their [the improvement's] useful life. This was offered as an option - either enough in the endowment for just maintenance or for maintenance and replacement. If they opt for just maintenance, then when the thing that they bought is at the end of its useful life, it will not be replaced...it will just "go away". There are some things that are just not economically feasible for replacement.

Mr. Werner asked if there were a limit on the endowment amount. He wondered if he wanted to donate \$1,000 for a swing, it wouldn't be accepted unless he offered another \$1,000 for maintenance? Mr. Cook indicated that that was correct. He added that, not only had they discussed saying that they not only would want the \$1,000 for the swing, a \$1,000 for the maintenance, but that they also want 25% above that to give to "poor" neighborhoods that don't have people to donate equipment. Mr. Werner felt that was a good idea. Mr. Cook stated that it was problematic because it was like a contribution tax. Not only would it prohibit people from giving, the policy would also end up being applied in such instances as if a neighborhood bought some trees, we would tax them so we could buy trees for other neighborhoods. The basic thing is, we give a certain level of support to every neighborhood. \$35,000 for playground equipment - If somebody in a wealthy neighborhood wants to buy an extra \$50,000, it's up to them to pay for it and provide for maintenance, and, potentially, provide for replacement. The City will not replace it, or repair it.

Ms. McRoy asked that if they only had \$50,000 and didn't have money for the on-going costs, you would not accept that original contribution? Mr. Cook answered that was correct....the donors have to provide for maintenance. They can't burden the whole City with maintenance of their playground equipment. Mr. Werner noted that he would rather have the 25% paid for "poor" neighborhoods. Mr. McRoy was concerned that the City was "turning our nose up" at someone's donation. Mr. Cook responded that if they can't provide for maintenance as part of the donation, that is right...we're turning our nose up at it. He noted that this is the same policy that the City has had for years with donations for memorials. If you provide for a memorial, you must also provide for maintenance.

Mr. Werner asked about the tunnel....wondering if the donated monies for that project would include maintenance monies. Mr. Cook indicated that the Parks & Rec Advisory Board had not discussed tunnels.

Mr. Cook stated that the Stransky Park fountains are being built with a hope for completion by July, except for the landscaping. He noted that was a case where they had a donation and an endowment to maintain it.

The Salt Creek Wetland area was discussed as a protection for saline wetlands; the beetles are a secondary issue, which upsets some who think we should have other priorities.

There will be a Parks Tour in July, to which Mr. Cook thought Council Members would be invited...though sometimes we're missed. We'll wait for a date, though it is now tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 17th.

3. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Friendt) - Carry Over to June 16th "Noon" Meeting.

4. MAYOR'S HOMETOWN SECURITY STUDY COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda) Ms. McRoy stated that they had held their last meeting on this past Wednesday. She noted that they forwarded their recommendations on to the Board to be included in the Report. The Board had one more meeting to go with just some general recommendations to make which she assumed had been passed - changes to many of the amendments coming out of the Fire and EMS Task Force Sub-Committee. She assumed that there would be a Pre-Council on the Report when it has been finalized. Mr. Camp stated that there had been discussion of a two-day pre-council .

Mr. Cook asked why they had needed a committee to recommend 1.5 police officers per 1,000 people. Ms. McRoy answered that it is the same number that has always been considered. Mr. Cook stated that that was his point. Ms. McRoy stated that they had not looked at the ratio of officers, but it was placed in the report as a recommendation. Mr. Camp asked how the needs had been evaluated. Ms. McRoy stated that they had looked at the calls of service, the type, officer turn-over, things that effect the department from the outside and internally. She thought the Police Sub-Committee had done very cool job on its recommendations.

Mr. Werner asked if they had recommended funding for the SROs (School Resource Officers). They don't recommend the City fund those positions? Ms. McRoy stated that she did not remember what the recommendation was on that. She noted that she had not voted on that one. Mr. Cook stated that he did not know that they *had* taken a position on that particular issue. Ms. Newman stated that they did not take a position on it ... LPS was saying that they were pulling their funding. The committee position was "if LPS continues funding", they would like to see SRO's stay in the middle- and high-schools.

Mr. Werner asked, then, if the recommendation was to pull them out of grade-schools? Mr. Cook stated that they were not getting rid of any officers, so that is a decision that will be made as a policy choice more than a funding choice. Ms. Newman asked how many that would leave in the middle-schools? Mr. Svoboda stated that there are 16 altogether, which included the elementary schools, with one per highschool, two per middle schools . Mr. Werner asked then, if LPS doesn't continue funding SRO's then, the recommendation would be not to do the elementary schools? Ms. Newman reiterated that they do not have a recommendation.

Mr. Svoboda stated that the 1.5 ratio question was one that was put forward by the former Mayor and had pretty much just been accepted by the committee. Mr. Werner asked if it wasn't the committee's charge to fund the 1.5 figure? Mr. Svoboda answered that it was part of the Mayor's charge to also look at funding, whether that be new and/or current forms....or innovative "out-side-of-the-box" forms of funding. We didn't really concentrate too much on the funding side, because you're looking at a group of people who just don't have that grasp, including us, about the other funding sources available, *that we haven't already tapped.*

Ms. McRoy commented that it was interesting, but if you look at the Community Task Force, it was Home Town Security. We were supposed to be looking at ways we can utilize the federal funding available to the community on security needed in view of 9-11. She felt they had gotten off on a tangent with problems like adding police officers, resources

& building fire stations. She felt they had entirely missed the boat. Instead of talking about how to utilize the federal monies for Homeland Security needs, we didn't get to that, but just re-hashed the same old concerns. She had wanted, as a task force member, to look at how to utilize funding sources to fill the needs of the community and make sure the community is safe....she did not feel they had spent a lot of time doing that.

Discussion continued regarding the officer ratio and the minority report that would be forthcoming. Mr. Camp asked if General Heng would be in charge of the presentation of the report to Council? Mr. Svoboda stated that he thought that would be the case, noting that he was probably in the process right now of putting together the final report, along with City Staff. In retrospect, Mr. Svoboda wished he had foreseen earlier that there might be a potential problem....having five department heads around a table and saying 'you're going to vote on each other's recommendations'; it is a bad position to put the department heads in. Very seldom did we have department heads speaking in opposition to a recommendation of another department head's department. We did, however, have some open discussion, which was refreshing, between Chief Spadt and Chief Casady as to philosophy, but in all likelihood, when you have department heads voting on recommendations on another department, he felt that put those people in an awkward position. They all voted to the affirmative. If we had taken department head/city staff out of the voting, there would have been a great deal of difference in some of the outcomes.

Mr. Werner was disappointed, because he thought the idea was to come up with a plan as to how we would implement....we all know the needs. How are we going to implement paying for the police officers and fire stations? If that's not part of it...then, he saw it as a document for the fire-fighters and police officers to point at and say "it's in the document".

Mr. Camp stated that he would disagree a little bit with Terry. He was hoping to see what the needs were and analyze that information. Where are the needs, when are the needs? Those were questions he had hoped would have been answered.

Ms. Newman asked when the Council would see the final report? Mr. Bowen answered that that is one of the pre-council's they were talking about setting up. First of all the report must be finalized. Then we will talk about your own schedules to make sure that everyone, or as many as possible, are available for the presentation. We'll get that worked out. Mr. Camp suggested that they have a pre-council, then have a follow-up presentation in order to address all of the Council Member's concerns.

5. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy stated that they had met Friday. They assigned members' committee assignments on JBC funding and went through the process of how to analyze the requests for funding. She continued her report, stating that they had received a report from Jim Blue of the Cedars' group on the Malone Center. Ms. McRoy stated that she would have an update on that report after she has had a chance to review the material.

OTHER MEETINGS - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -

1. Memo from Corrie Kielty - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments. Ms. Kielty pointed out the memo in the Council Members' packets. She stated that she has not contacted all of the people who can be reappointed, yet. Mr. Camp asked if Ms. Kielty

had any suggestions for them if a Council Member had a recommendation for an upcoming appointment. Ms. Kielty stated that they had contacted Leadership Lincoln to have them nominate any of the youth that are involved in that to be on the Parks Board, but other than that, she had no comments.

Mr. Camp noted that the notation that someone was open for reappointment, that just indicates whether they are open - and is not an indication that they have agreed to a reappointment? Ms. Kielty noted that that was correct. Mr. Camp asked when she might be making those contacts, since some of these are soon upcoming. Ms. Kielty answered "soon". She stated that they are learning to use the data base. Mr. Bowen informed Council that if Council had opinions on appointments, the sooner the Administration hears them, the better.

Mr. Camp asked, regarding the Community Development Task Force, if there were a two year limit, are these all first term appointees? It was indicated that was correct. He asked about the process for choosing highschool representatives for the Parks & Rec Advisory Board. Ms. Kielty answered that the way it has been done in the recent past is that Leadership Lincoln nominated both of the student representatives. Both were involved in Leadership Lincoln. But, there certainly are no guidelines that state that is the process. Mr. Werner commented that concerning the Library Board nomination, he thought the Peter Levitov was not available for re-appointment, but that a Board Member can only serve one term. After brief discussion it was noted by Mr. Darrell Podany, who is a Member of the Library Board, that the ordinance states that Library Board Members are selected by the Council for one seven-year term and serve until their successor is appointed. So, it really isn't clear whether they can be reappointed or not, but it has not been a practice in the past to have Library Board Members reappointed for a second term. He noted that it takes two or three years in service to get into it. Mr. Roper stated that he didn't believe there was a prohibition on reappointing a Board Member, unless the ordinance specifically states "you shall not serve" or it is clearly stated that there is a prohibition; he added that he did not believe that prohibition was in the ordinance.

Mr. Cook stated that, traditionally, there have not been reappointments. Mr. Werner commented that Ms. Connor had said she would bring the list of nominees forward as she has in the past. Mr. Podany commented that there is an announcement now that there is a Library Board opening to be filled. The Board will sort through all of the applications, with recommendations for action by Council.

Mr. Camp asked if Ms. Kielty had a list of the boards that Council would handle appointments to, with the month & year the terms would run and how many members are on each board. It was noted that this information is on the website.

- IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR** - Mr. Bowen stated that Pre-Councils had been discussed. Two pre-councils on infrastructure finance have been proposed. One will be scheduled for Hometown Security. A third one will be coming before you regarding natural gas. Aquila had their informational meeting last week and have filed an intention of a rate increase. We do have a new state law which takes effect which changes the process for how we might deal with a rate increase. That pre-council would be to inform Council of what the new process would be. We won't worry about it until they actually file something, which will be sometime near the end of the month, so that will be coming up.

He continued, noting that with the vacation schedules of Council Members, we will work around the pre-council schedule. Please let us know ahead of time if you know what your schedule will be. During the week, we will develop a possible schedule for those Pre-Councils and discuss it directly with regard to how it might work.

He stated that he would try to speak with each Council Member individually to discuss negotiations before the end of the day. There will be no negotiation discussion this week because Georgia [Georgia Glass, Personnel Director] is on vacation. Mr. Bowen indicated that he would just give Council an update on how it went last week.

Mr. Bowen opened the floor for Don Herz, Finance Director. Mr. Herz passed out the EMS Monthly Report for review.

Mr. Herz continued, stating that they needed to go through the RFP process to select an external auditor. We do this once every four years. He stated that he would look to the Audit Committee for somebody to serve on a selection committee. [Jon Camp and Glenn Friendt serve on the Internal Audit Committee] Mr. Herz indicated that he didn't need a decision today, but it should be done soon.

Mr. Herz indicated that there is another RFP that will go out this late summer for the City's Financial Advisor, which currently is Ameritas. Their contract expires in October. If one of you would like to serve on the audit committee, perhaps the other could assist on this one.

The RFP [for the External Auditor] will go out in a couple of weeks, so sometime by the end of July, we will need to make that selection. They typically come in and do some audit work before the actual fiscal year ends, so we want to have someone selected by August 1st. Mr. Herz indicated that typically there are only three or four firms that can meet the qualifications. He noted that they might interview two or all of those. Mr. Camp volunteered Mr. Friendt, who was absent.

Mr. Herz asked that someone be considered to assist with the Financial Advisor selection Process.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion continued on 'Interns and Informal Gatherings'. (Carried over from the June 2nd "Noon" Agenda)- Not Addressed
2. Discussion on Computer & Laptop Upgrade for Council Office with Doug Thomas. Mr. Doug Thomas was called forward to discuss the computer and lap-top upgrades. Mr. Thomas handed out a list of the current laptop and office computer configurations. He felt the configurations were adequate and should run fine for the use to which the Council puts them. He explained that I.S. really thought there was more of a problem with the wireless network than with the laptops themselves. He noted that what he'd like to do, if he could, is to look for a volunteer to actually 'network connect' a laptop and see if some of the problems go away. He stated that he knows it is not as convenient as being able to pick it up from your desk & take it to the dias for hook-up, but the dias is all wired for network connectivity as well as your offices. He stated that he was afraid to recommend replacement of the laptops and then have the problems continue.

Mr. Thomas explained that the problem with the wireless is that it is rated at 10Megahertz. Each Council member is sharing that total of 10M. So, that reduces the rating to about 6. If you're using the network, you're working with 100M dedicated, for each one. So, the more people on the line - even one machine is not going to run well.

As part of the wireless upgrade there is a grant where they're funding it. We're putting wireless in the Hall of Justice and we're also upgrading this building. One of the things we will do is put a receiver by the dias and one in the hallway right outside of the Council Offices, because the farther you are from the receivers, the worse the signal is. Right now the receiver is in the Conference Room between your office and the County Board office and another one is in the network closet. So, we're going to be expanding that, but he would really like to try a network hook-up to see what can be done there before we spend the money on the laptop upgrade.

He stated that the machines in the office (up-front) are of the age that are generally being surplusd at this point. The 266 and the 100 megahertz machine that is out there - that is as old as dirt....which is pretty old. The possible replacement is the standard desk-top is the 2.4 KGig machine. Joan and Tammy's monitors are 17", so those could be upgrade for \$1080 each which includes installation. The one for Susan is a 14" monitor, so that would require a new monitor, too, so that would be \$140-some dollars more for that. Those three are actually the worst machines within the City Council.

If you consider replacing the laptops, option one would be an Experian, which would be a business model -a business grade machine- which is a little faster processor. It has only 128 MegaMemory, but we could look at updating that; it has a 14" monitor; and that is about \$1300 each. That would not have a docking station, but a network connection that could either be a hard connection to the network, or a wireless card as your using now.

Option Two would be a little more industrial-type machine. It's actually a little slower processor, but has considerably more memory. It has a one inch larger monitor (15" monitor). This would be about \$2200 each. Both are business models and would work in your application; the second has a docking station and the first one does not.

Again, we are upgrading the wireless and Jon, if you're volunteering, we would certainly like to work with you and Darrell to see if we can remedy some of these things by dealing with just the wireless. He noted that as he recalled, it was kind of a pain to get underneath the dias and plug them in....we could probably fix something along the back edge so it would be less cumbersome to plug into the network at the dias. Mr. Camp indicated that he would like to do that.

Mr. Cook stated that the monitors noted on the hand-out for laptops can't be right. Mr. Thomas answered that some of the Council members (Mr. Cook and Ms. Newman) don't have a set monitor. Connected to the docking station is another monitor so you don't have to squint at the small screen. Mr. Cook said that that is where the issue of the laptop screen comes in, because the size does make a difference there. The resolution of the current one that he has is fairly minimal for use of reading documents. He would like something with a higher resolution. He didn't mind small...but wanted clear.

Mr. Cook had another question about why we should wait until the wireless vs. the wired network is tested? That shouldn't effect our choice of laptops? Mr. Thomas answered that perhaps some of the 650's may work if we take care of some of these problems such as lock-ups. The current 650 laptops could be used for another year. If Council wants to get new, certainly you can do that and we would take the 650s back and re-assign them to other departments. But, he thought that the problems he had heard of were not necessarily laptop

related. Mr. Cook commented that his main concern was the time to start up and shut down. His computer always locks up during the sign-off/sign-on process. Windows 98 is clearly inadequate. He assumed that any new equipment would be running Windows XP. He commented that that would be the biggest improvement over Windows 98. Windows XP would run slowly on these older machines. Mr. Thomas agreed that you wouldn't want to run XP on these machines. He commented that he just didn't want to go out and get new laptops and think all the problems would go away. Because if it is, in fact, the wireless network that is creating the problems, you'll just be doing it faster.

Mr. Cook stated that as long as there was a good connection, he did not see why there would be a wireless network problem and why we would have any capacity problems with a wireless network. Mr. Thomas explained that the seven Council members were sharing 6MegaH. as opposed to 100 each if they're plugged in directly to the network. Mr. Cook stated that that shouldn't be a problem. Mr. Thomas commented that with normal documents, that would be correct, but....

Discussion continued with the pros and cons of the current equipment and its usage and how it would be phased out...including the option of purchase by the Council members. Mr. Svoboda commented that the equipment the staff is using needs to be replaced. Mr. Camp asked if the new position (Joint County/City receptionist position) would have upgraded equipment for use) Mr. Thomas said that it was so planned.

Mr. Camp asked if new equipment had been included in the City's current budget. Staff reported that the computer upgrade had not been included in the Council's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Council members felt that this should be a priority and the sooner the replacement could be made, the better it would be. Mr. Hubka stated that the cost of replacement, or any computer needs of the Council, would be covered by the Micro Fund General Expense Budget, and would not come out of the Council Budget. The LCD screen was discussed briefly. Mr. Thomas said that he would investigate the costs involved in an upgrade. It was noted that *upgrades* for the laptops are not included in the Micro Fund.

Discussion continued briefly concerning problems and laptop usage as well as Staff computer usage. Final consensus [with a action moved by Annette McRoy and seconded by Ken Svoboda] was that the computers of Staff would be upgraded immediately.

After continued discussion it was determined that the laptop upgrade would be postponed to a later time, if necessary. It was noted that some Council Members do not use their laptops and/or a network hook-up to replace them. The paperless concept was again encouraged [*With the new joint position being initiated, more time will be available for staff to get more information on line.*]

Concerns regarding the missing link-ups on the Formal Agenda were expressed. Mr. Camp requested that Diane Gonzolas be asked to attend next week's "Noon" meeting to discuss that concern. [*Ms. Gonzolas was contacted on 06-12-03*]

3. Discussion on the Council Budget. - Discussion on Council Budget included Computer up-grade for staff. Steve Hubka, Budget Officer, stated that those upgrades would come from the Mirco Fund from the General Fund. Mr. Camp noted that Council Members should have received the general information in their packets.

Mr. Hubka stated that the question now is whether Council wants these items in the budget want to be included in the Mayor's Recommended Budget, or do you want to deal with them in July - in order to get them in for the Mayor's Budget, we should know that now. Mr.

Camp stated that it was cleanest to do it up front. Mr. Hubka answered that it would be easier than haggling over a few dollars here & there later on if your mind was made up now.

Mr. Camp asked how the Council budget stood right now. The Staff position is figured in on the priority level, but that hasn't been approved. Mr. Cook stated that the Council had committed to the costs stated on the joint position (Priority funding "Transfer to Lancaster County") Fifty percent of the equipment would also be factored in.

Further discussion covered the amount required to cover discretionary funds. Mr. Hubka offered that an alternative option to the priority funding approval for the costs involved with this and with the other priority funding, would be to handle it with a year-end budget resolution to transfer out of the City Contingency fund into the Council Budget. Mr. Camp felt the transfer would be more appropriate because doing it through the budget makes it look like it is an on-going expense. The final decision on this issue was to have the transfer during budget review process, and not to handle it under the priority budget funds option as was initially proposed.

Additional discretionary funding was discussed, including the question of the propriety of carry-over of that funding. The possibility of increasing the Council's over-all budget allocation was also discussed. Staffing, including the moving of the Ombudsman position to the Council office and Council Budget, was also included in the further discussion.

FROM ADDENDUM:

1. Discussion on Council photos. - [By Professional Photographer in conjunction with County Board's Plan] - Not Addressed - To be carried over to next week's meeting.
2. Review of the Council Budget schedule. - *Schedule for Departmental Budget Presentations to Council - approved. Decision on Journal Star Budget Insert time-frame postponed for further consideration.*

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

CORRI KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1: 22 p.m.

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